

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East Germany REPORTTOPIC Troop Exercises in the Eighth Gds Army Area

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 9 September 1954

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 14 and 16 August 1954, a major exercise of Soviet units was held northwest of the Lossa troop training grounds in the area between Bad Frankenhausen and Oldisleben. The participating units arrived there in two groups, a large northern group, which came from the direction of Sangerhausen and a smaller southern group which came from the direction of Weimar. During the night on 15 August, the troops conducted a simulated attack against Frankenhausen. The exercise involved at least 1,200 soldiers, approximately 90 tanks, approximately 80 guns, presumably 76.2-mm AA guns towed by trucks, 250 trucks, and 10 large amphibious vehicles. The majority of the troops wore red-bordered black epaulets and some black-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED]

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[redacted] The number of light AA guns tends to indicate that the
departing unit belonged to the 15th AAA Biv.

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[redacted] Elements of the 67th Gds Mech Regt of the 20th Gds Mech
Div probably transferred to the Zeitz Forest for firing practices.

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